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SUBJECT: THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

Government forces in the central highlands met no opposition on April 21 when they moved back into a Ranger fire support base southwest of Pleiku City that was overrun last week. In western Quang Duc Province, the Communists are putting up stiff resistance against the South Vietnamese operation to retake Bu Bong and Bu Prang.

In Military Region 3, the Communists have turned back a South Vietnamese battalion that was trying to reach the besieged Duc Hue Ranger base in western Hau Nghia Province. A regiment from the ARVN 18 Division scheduled to reinforce Hau Nghia has been sent instead to assist government units along the border of

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Long Khanh and Phouc Tuy provinces near Xuan Loc. Two North Vietnamese regiments with local support have stepped up attacks in this area to prevent elements of the 18th Division from shifting to Hau Nghia.

The government's two-week-old operation in the Parrot's Beak area Cambodia is ending. Almost all of the units involved have returned to the delta without making contact.

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